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Cassis responds to Granholm press secretary remarks about business tax restructuring plan

LANSING – State Sen. Nancy Cassis today responded to comments by Granholm press secretary Liz Boyd regarding the governor’s business tax restructuring plan, calling the remarks ill-timed and the motive questionable.

When the tax restructuring plan was announced last week, the governor said she would take an “all-or-nothing” approach, and that the legislation would be non-negotiable. Boyd expounded on the proposal yesterday saying that it is the “perfect plan.”

“As chair of the Senate Finance Committee, I remain committed to holding thorough hearings when the bills are available,” said Cassis, R-Novi. “However, the governor’s all-or-nothing non-negotiable approach is unacceptable. Responsible governing requires an open debate on all issues. To patently accept the governor’s plan without hearings and scrutiny would undermine the principles of democracy.

“Whatever tax reform we do pass must be fair. Furthermore, reforms must improve Michigan’s economic competitiveness, grow the economy, create jobs and encourage business investment.”

Reacting to critical statements made by the Michigan Chamber of Commerce regarding the governor’s tax plan, Boyd also said, “For the Chamber to just like manufacturing tax cuts, but not the rest of this proposal is like teenage sex. It’s all about pleasure with no responsibility.”

“Ms. Boyd’s comments yesterday were unfortunate,” Cassis said. “At this critical time in the history of our state, I wonder if the Democrats understand that Michigan is in trouble – they have demeaned the discussion and taken the focus off of finding workable solutions to put Michigan back to work. They are on the attack, and I wonder why they are afraid to have an open discussion on this issue.”

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